



SOSAZ's 2025 K-12 Policy Priorities

1. Educator Pay

Raise teacher and staff pay across the board, making Arizona competitive with neighboring states.

2. Poverty Weight & DAA

Restore and double the \$37 million K-12 Poverty Weight and \$29 million for K12 additional assistance which were slashed in last year's budget (for a total of \$132 million). These critically needed funds provide supports and resources for students most in need so they can thrive.

3. SPED & CTED

Increase investments in special education and career and technical education in order to create stronger pathways for success for diverse learners.

4. Prop 123

Pass a clean Prop 123 that will benefit students and educators, without any gimmicks or voucher schemes.

5. ESA Voucher Reform

Rein in the off-the-rails ESA voucher program by passing income caps and increasing accountability and transparency for taxpayers. ESA vouchers have become coupons for the wealthy that are siphoning hundreds of millions from our local public schools, forcing massive budget cuts and school closures.



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